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When we had the hearings on this wire tap bill there were certain people appeared who expressed some fears that a certain manner or way in which wire taps could be handled might possibly cause the media people some trouble because of interceptions of privileged communications. There were questions about police use of the wire tap, particularly by the County Attorney. The County Attorney worried about his particular authority. The Crime Commission had raised the same question. So there was a conference between the County Attorney's Office, Bob Gibson from the Lancaster County Attorney's Office, the Attorney General's Office here, the Crime Commission and the media people were to express some concern about the interception of confidential communications. They worked out three amendments which are found on pages 611 and 612 of the bill. These merely clarify the matter so that there cannot be ... in order to avoid and prevent the interception of confidential communication, that was the first one. The second one deals with the operation of the provisions of laws using the wire tap when the county judge, whichever judge, allows the wire taps through the county attorney's office.

There was no objection to the This was a complete compromise. Everybody agreed on the amendments. There were no objections to this approach, in fact the Committee had asked them to get together to make these amendments up.

SENATOR MAHONEY: That's true. It was late in the session and the Executive Board was the only vehicle that could put this bill in and that's the reason why the March 2nd date of the introduction.

PRESIDENT: Then you're ready to make specific motions, Senator?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes, I have moved the adoption of the amendment as found on page 1429.

PRESIDENT: Alright. The question is the adoption of the amendment of Senator Luedtke. Record your vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Amendment is adopted, Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I move that LB 583 be advanced to E & R for initial review.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced.